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NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR 41.37(c)

The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters; and/or does not identify the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function for every means plus function and step plus function for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately by reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters, as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v). Appellants have not provided a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in claim 5 referring to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing(s) by reference characters, for example, for the outer ring having an inner peripheral surface with an outer ring raceway, the inner ring raceway of the rotating shaft, the plural rolling elements located between the outer-ring raceway and the inner-ring raceway. Similarly, in claim 6, appellants have not provided a concise explanation of the subject matter in claim 6 referring to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing(s) by reference characters, for example, for the housing having the inner peripheral surface, the outer-ring raceway that is formed directly around the inner peripheral surface of this housing or formed around a separate outer ring around the inner peripheral surface of the housing, the inner ring raceway of the rotating shaft, and the plural rolling elements located between the outer-ring raceway and the inner-ring raceway. **These are examples only and are not intended to be an exhaustive list of**

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the claimed features not identified. Appellants should carefully review claims 5 and 6 and verify that all claimed features are identified.

The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi). Note that the statement “whether claims 4-6 are unpatentable over ... and Japanese publication 10-331,985” as contained in the brief on page 4, last four lines and page 5, lines 1-2 is not a proper statement because it does not refer specifically to the statute. See the example in MPEP 1205.02 (vi) for a proper statement.

Each ground of rejection must be treated under a separate heading. For each ground of rejection applying to two or more claims, the claims may be argued separately or as a group. Any claim argued separately should be placed under a subheading identifying the claim by number. A statement which merely points out what a claim recites will not be considered an argument for separate patentability of the claim. See 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii). Appellants have not provided a heading for the single grounds of rejection. See MPEP 1205.02(vii) for examples of proper headings.

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c). To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c) within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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